

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the continued careful consideration of the subject application. The Office Action mailed May 12, 2009 has been carefully considered. In this Office Action, Claims 1-18 and 24-25 are pending. Claims 22 and 23 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) and have been cancelled without prejudice with the filing of this response. Claims 1-18, 24 and 25 are allowed and are now the only pending claims in this application. Applicants therefore respectfully request a timely notice of allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable reconsideration.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact desirable in the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (508) 293-7450.

Please charge all fees occasioned by this submission to Deposit Account No. 05-0889.

Respectfully submitted,

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